



Brownfields 2009 Grant Fact Sheet

Los Angeles Conservation Corps, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The brownfields job training grants provide residents of communities impacted by brownfields with the skills and training needed to effectively gain employment in assessment and cleanup activities associated with brownfield redevelopment and environmental remediation. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) was selected to receive a job training grant. Based in Los Angeles (population 4,018,080), LACC will target residents of the city's 19-square-mile Empowerment Zone (EZ). The EZ's poverty rate is 41 percent,



Job Training Grant

\$200,000

EPA has selected the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for a job training grant. Students will be recruited from the city's impoverished EZ. LACC plans to train and graduate 60 students, place at least 48 graduates in environmental technician jobs, and track students for at least one year. The training program will consist of three, 254-hour training cycles that include coursework in HAZWOPER, environmental technologies, lead and asbestos abatement, refinery safety overview, forklift training, and general industry standards. Four certifications will be offered. Primary trainers will include licensed and experienced instructors. LACC will work with WorkSource California to place graduates in environmental jobs.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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compared to 10 percent citywide, and the unemployment rate within the EZ is 19 percent, compared to eight percent citywide. Within the EZ, the city currently is cleaning up three brownfields that once supported industrial parks and junkyards. Los Angeles estimates that there are thousands of vacant or underused

brownfields along its commercial and industrial corridors. The large number of potential cleanup sites, together with the city's extensive use of first-source hiring practices, will help drive the demand for green jobs for graduates of LACC's job training program.